

**NOTE TIME CHANGE**



**1138<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
7:00PM Wednesday February 23, 2011**

**Building C, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California**

**FEBRUARY'S PRESENTATION:**

**JERRY SCHIMMEL**

**ARCHITECTURE AND EXONUMIA OF  
SAN FRANCISCO'S  
BARBARY COAST  
AND  
RED LIGHT DISTRICTS  
1890-1920**

Dan Hipple presented his talk:

### **The Niobe: The Ship and the Medal**

The Segelschulschiff Niobe, a German naval training ship, was built in 1913 in Denmark, sold to Norway, captured by Germany, and award to the Soviet Union at the end of World War I before being re-purchased by the German Navy, rebuilt as a 3-masted barque, and christened the SSS Niobe in 1923. The Niobe carried a crew of 32 and 77 cadets.

The Niobe capsized in a shear squall incident off the tip of Fehmarn Island on July 26, 1932. Sixty-nine crewmembers were lost, forty were rescued. The Niobe was raised in August of 1932 and the crew buried on Fehmarn Island where a monument was erected. The Free State of Prussia could not afford to pay benefits to the families of the lost crew members due to the economic problems of the period. To help the families and to help purchase a new ship, the Berlin mint struck approximately 40,000 silver memorial medals that were sold for 5 marks each to raise funds. In addition to the medal displayed by Dan, Karl Goetz produced a memorial medal, 85 mm size individually cast and 36 mm struck at the Munich mint, that he sold independent of the Prussian fund raising efforts.

### **Member Exhibits included:**

Michael W. – Three Stooges memorabilia and a French meteorology medal.

Federico C. – A medal with a French horn and three certified Costa Rican coins.

Jerry S. – A fragment of a lead die splash and a William Dunphy silver membership medal from the BDFGA. Can anyone help identify the BDFGA?

Herb M. – Distributed a CSNA wooden dollar and brought San Francisco tokens.

Ken T. – A set of elongated halves produced for the 50th anniversary of the San Francisco Coin Club.

Whalen – A 1918/7 S standing liberty quarter and an 1873/small 3



shield nickel.

Bill H. – Three Celtiberian bronze coins.

Catz F. – 1935 Connecticut commemorative half-dollar.

Scott A. – A 1926/5 Belgian Cong 1 Franc and an 1888 Belgian Congo two centimes, a 1925/4 ten centimes, a 1908 twenty centimes, and 1909 ten centimes, all from Belgian Congo.

### **The evening raffle included:**

5 Crown Turks & Caicos Islands Lunar Landing/ANA commemorative – Whalen

1897 Victoria medal – Ed T.

Bag of copper farthings – Dan H.

ANA bag – Federico C.

### ***20011 meeting Schedule:***

March 23, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

April 27, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

May 25, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

June 22, 2011: Banquet Location TBA

July 27, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

August 24, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

September 21, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason (Note the 3rd  
Wednesday)

October 26, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

November 23, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

December 28, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

Please note the date change in September. We need volunteers for speakers. If you have a topic ready and a preference for a speaking date, let us know.

## Plan Ahead:

The ANA National Money Show is in Sacramento this year from March 17-19, 2011. The theme is "Rediscover Gold in Sacramento."

Western States Token Society **TOKEN JAMBOREE** in Sacramento the weekend before the ANA. March 11-13, 2011.



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man Av., Dayton, O. Home: 1220 N.  
...  
ZERBE, Farran, numismatist; b. Tyrone, Pa.,  
Apr. 18, 1871; s. James Albert and Bridget (Mc-  
Avoy) Z.; ed. pub. and priv. schs.; widower. Mer-  
cantile business until 1909; chief numismatist, St.  
Louis Expn., 1904, Portland Expn., 1905-06; editor  
and pub. The Numismatist, 1909-10; exhibitor and  
lecturer, "Money of the World," 1907-14 and 1920-  
28; chief of numismatic department San Francisco  
Expn., 1915-16. Mem. U.S. Assay Com., 1909, 1923.  
Mem. Am. Numismatic Assn. (pres. 1907-09 and of  
Pacific Coast Soc., 1918-23), Am. Numismatic Soc.  
(New York), Numismatic Club (New York), Tyrone  
Club. Contib. numerous articles on numismatics  
and finances. Collected over 50,000 specimens of  
medicines of exchange, ranging over 5,000 yrs., and  
of an extensive library on the subject; sold collection  
and library to Chase Nat. Bank, New York,  
1928, and became curator and numismatist for the  
bank. Home: Tyrone, Pa. Address: 15 Pine St.,  
New York N.Y.  
... James Slough, author. See Vol. V

FROM "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA"  
1932 - 1933

*Farran Zerbe 1939*

Farran Zerbe's business card featuring his "Who's Who" entry and autograph from 1939. Note the citation of his service as President of the American Numismatic Association from 1907-09 and of the *Pacific Coast Soc.* (sic!) from 1918-23.

Members are reminded that contributions are accepted for the bulletin's back page and speakers are always needed. Prepare a short article or prepare a talk covering your favorite numismatic subject to share with others.